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STEWARDS:

J. Fraser A. D. Friend. R. Farnsworth. D. Prowse.



Back Row: J. Thomson, L. Knight, M. Hill (inset), A. Bradley, W. Theyer.

2nd Row: J. Walker, D. Hilder, K. Bussell, D. H. Vanderfield, H. Anderson, D. Walker, P. Glanville, C. McMaster.

Sitting: R. D. Vanderfield, N. Barrell, H. G. Whiddon, Esq. [Coach], M. Gillies [Capt], E. J. Siddeley, Esq. (President), R. Farnsworth [Vice Capt.], W. Fraser.

In Front: P. O. Friend, A. D. Friend.

Absent: A. B. Barnes, J. Carson.

TWENTY-SECOND ANNUAL REPORT OF COMMITTEE AND HON. TREASURER'S STATEMENT.

To the Members of The Briars Sporting Club, Gentlemen,

The Twenty-second Annual Report of your Club's activities for the year ended 30th June 1940, reveals a very satisfactory state of affairs generally.

The standard set by your teams in past years at both Cricket and Football has been maintained; in fact, the footballers have excelled by winning the 1st Grade (Kentwell Cup) Competition of the Sub District Rugby Union, the first time the Club has achieved this honour.

As an outcome of the War, we were faced with the task of replacing the large number of members who have joined the fighting forces, and we congratulate the Membership Committee on its efforts in meeting this difficulty by the introduction of new members to the Club during the year.

The net increase has been 18, and takes the total membership to 181,

made up as follows:-

Active							74
Associate							42
Country						• •	10
Honorary	(mem	bers oı	ı activ	e servi	ice)		55
							181

Much still requires to be done, however, to make up the leeway and so maintain our playing strength in cricket and football at a level which will preclude the possibility of any withdrawal of teams.

Unfortunately, it will not be possible to field a third cricket team at the commencement of the season — the first year the Club has not been represented in the W.S. Cricket Association's Competition since 1923 — but we are hopeful that this position can be rectified later in the year.

Concord Council has had under consideration for some time the transfer of our wicket from St. Lukes Park.

Your representatives have had a number of discussions with Council in this connection and, finally, Rothwell Park was offered to us and gladly accepted.

Before the work of transferring the wicket was commenced, overseas conditions induced the Council to postpone the incurring of this expense and to offer the Club the use of Concord Oval for this cricket season.

This generous treatment by the Council was appreciated and its acceptance arranged.

As the lease of the Club Rooms expires at the end of the year, and Committee was not prepared at this stage to seek a renewal for a long term, the Owners of the building were approached for a short term tenancy, and they have undertaken to meet the Club's wishes.

By a Committee Minute, subscriptions of members enlisting for active service are suspended from the date of enlistment until the termination of their services with the forces.

A further Minute provides for a rebate of subscriptions to members serving in Militia camps, on application being made.

Arrangements were made during the year for the supply of metal badges, of a size suitable for wearing in the lapel of a coat. Due to the interest shown by the manufacturer, Mr. E. Rodd of Melbourne, these badges have been supplied at cost price and may be purchased by members at 1/0 each.

CRICKET.

Three teams were again entered in competitions — one each in the "A" and "B" Grade Municipal and Shire Competition under the control of the N.S.W. Cricket Association and one in the 3rd Grade of the Western Suburbs Junior Association.

Although results were not as good as in 1938/1939, we had our measure of success and the season was thoroughly enjoyed.

1st XI. Our senior team maintained the record of the previous year and again occupied third position, with a points percentage of 68.3 as against 58.3.

Lane Cove won the competition comfortably, with Lindfield in second position only slightly ahead of our representatives.

Except for three lapses, the batting was particularly strong. Against Randwick, the side was dismissed for 134 in a small scoring match, which resulted in a win on the first innings. Against N.S.W. Juniors, three of our strongest batsmen were not playing, but it was due to weak batting alone that the side was dismissed for 139 runs and defeated. In the final round of the season we were only able to compile 71 runs against the youthful St. George team and were again beaten.

The other side of the picture reveals that totals of 200 and over were made on seven occasions, while three partly completed innings approached that figure. The best innings total was 355 runs for 9 wickets against Petersham, after three wickets had fallen for 21 runs.

Doug. Prowse fulfilled the batting promise he gave during the 1938/1939 season and, although he missed one match, his aggregate of 537 runs was only a few short of the Club record. He also topped the averages with 44.7 runs per innings.

- N. Neville and C. Nee again batted consistently, while L. Hokin also had some good scores.
- I. Cozens and R. Glasgow performed creditably for players regarded mainly as bowlers, and the latter scored the only century of the season (120 not out) against Petersham Club.
- J. Hollands and A. Land could not get going and both experienced a lean season.

Two new records partnership for the team were established as follows:—5th Wicket: 116 runs (unfinished) v. Randwick (N. Neville 64 n.o., and C. Nee 60 n.o.).

9th Wicket: 110 runs v. Bexley (B. McKittrick 44 n.o., and I. Cozens 80).

Of the bowlers, E. Annetts deservedly had the best figures and the highest total of wickets (44). His spinners generally commanded respect, and his 8 wickets for 73 against Ryde was an outstanding effort. Although I. Cozens missed three games, due to military duties, he again had good figures and could have done better with a little extra good fortune.

Enough was seen of J. Walker's bowling at his few appearances to demonstrate what a tower of strength he would again have been had he been able to play throughout the season.

The bowling failed in the respect that advantages gained in the first innings were allowed to slip away, and in several games we had to be content with a first innings win when an outright win had seemed assured.

The fielding was generally sound, without being brilliant. In the air, some remarkably good catches were taken, although some easier ones were dropped — one or two of the latter at vital times.

Special mention is made of the fielding and, particularly, the catching of E. Annetts. Very little got past him on the ground, while he took 18 catches — a record. His work in this department of the game lent a touch of real class to the out cricket of the team.

We thank Mr. A. J. Robinson for once again scoring for the team until he left to take up a new position at Canberra.

Our President, Mr. E. J. Siddeley, filled the breach; he deserves our thanks too, for this further evidence of his interest.

2nd XI. The Seconds dropped from first position in 1938/1939 to seventh last season.

The team was a good deal weaker; the loss of such men as E. Annetts, C. Nee, D. Prowse and R. Glasgow to the 1st XI. left vacancies that were hard to fill, and military duties further complicated the position.

Nevertheless the record of 7 wins, 4 losses and a draw was quite fair.

There were some very good individual performances, outstanding being R. McLaughlin's two centuries — 168 against N.S.W. Juniors and 113 out of 182 runs against Manly. His former effort comprised 12 sixes and 17 fours, and his partnership of 151 with G. J. Lee (53) took only 65 minutes.

- C. Mitchell, L. Meulman and G. J. Lee batted consistently and had quite good figures. L. Davis showed improvement and his effort of 89 not out against Northern Districts deserved the century.
- H. Brown was solid as an opener, and is gradually losing his disinclination to hit the ball.

One of the youngsters in W. Rudd showed distinct promise.

Once again P. Murray showed his ability to get wickets, although he suffered from poor work in slips. He took the most wickets (39) and had the best average (13.3).

W. Smith bowled very well during his limited appearances, while Don. Vanderfield, who came into the team in December, quickly displayed his value; some of his deliveries were unplayable, and once he gets command of a length he will be a really fine bowler.

The ground fielding generally was a little on the slow side, but safe, while the catching was satisfactory—except in slips, which is a hard position to fill.

R. McLaughlin kept wickets in his usual capable manner.

The following record partnerships were established:

3rd Wicket: 151 runs v. N.S.W. Juniors (R. McLaughlin 168 and G. J. Lee 53).

4th Wicket: 124 runs v. Roseville (N. Wales 81 and C. Mitchell 70).

6th Wicket: 114 runs v. Roseville (L. Meulman 67 and L. Davis 54).

7th Wicket: 118 runs v. N. Districts (L. Davis 89 n.o. and L. Meulman 70). 10th Wicket: 63 runs v. Nth. Sydney (R. Thomson 30 n.o. and B. McKittrick 27 n.o.).

3rd. XI. This team was weaker than in the previous season and succeeded in winning only two matches.

On paper, the batting strength appeared satisfactory, but results were disappointing and players with the capabilities of L. Robinson, A. Rose, V. Nee and R. Broderick, although they were the batting mainstays, with R. Pogson and A. Thomson, could, possibly, have done better

The bowling lacked hostility and length, but suffered more from poor field placement and indifferent fielding. An improvement in the fielding and keenness on the part of the players is necessary if more satisfactory results are to be achieved.

A. Rose, V. Nee and R. Broderick did the brunt of the bowling and each had his share of success on occasions. R. Pogson and T. Hudson, both slow left-handers, show distinct promise.

A team visited Goulburn over Anniversary Day week-end and played a match against the staff at Kenmore Hospital. A most enjoyable trip was spent by the players.

A reunion match between the Club's first cricket team to play in competition (1922/23) and a team of past and present players took place at North Brighton during the season. This was a particularly happy gathering and must be repeated.

It is interesting to record here the names of the players taking part and their performances:—

Original 1st. XI.		Members not quite so old.
Batting:		, ,
K. Booty	7	L. Robinson 50
K. Jenkyn	24	A. Lane 4
J. Sheehan	34	W. Mackay 32
L. McMillan	8	E. Siddeley 13
W. Evitt	6	Alan Hulls 2
M. Blair	18	A. Higgs 31
J. Small	4	M. Mitchell 6
N. Pardoe	23	K. Burnett 4
A. Pierce	4	D. Vowles 2
P. Murray	15	W. Dyer 9
L. Meulman $\dots \dots \dots \dots$	6	N. Wales 0
R. Clark	22	R. Glasgow 8
		D. Walker 6
		N. Fisher 0
Sundries	10	Sundries 4
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Total	181	Total 171

Bowling:

A. Lane 2 wickets for 26 runs;; D. Vowles, 1 for 16; E. Siddeley, 1 for 20; L. Robinson, 5 for 21; W. Dyer, 0 for 4; A. Higgs, 0 for 12; N. Wales, 0 for 19; R. Glasgow, 0 for 15.

K. Booty 0 wickets for 21 runs; N. Pardoe, 1 for 32; R. Clark, 3 for 14; P. Murray, 0 for 28; K. Jenkyn, 4 for 27; J. Small, 0 for 15; L. Meulman, 1 for 19; J. Sheehan, 3 for 7; A. Hulls, 1 for 20.

The only absentees from the original team were Einer McDade, who lives in Perth, W.A., and Alan Bonamy, who is at Tweed Heads, N.S.W.

From the above results, it is apparent that many members have announced their retirement from cricket prematurely, and in the coming season we anticipate that quite a few will be persuaded to stage a come-back.

Congratulations to Lane Cove Cricket Club on again winning the "A" Shire Competition; to Epping on their unbeaten record in "B" Shire, and to Crompton Parkinson Cricket Club in winning the 3rd Grade W.S. Junior Grade.

1st AND 2nd XI, RESULTS.

	Matches								Comp.
	Played	W.	W.1.	$\mathbf{L}.$	L.1.	D.	\mathbf{T} .	%	Pos.
M. & S. "A" Grade	13	3	7	_	3	_	_	63.07	3rd
M. & S. "B" Grade	12	1	6	1	3	1		49.16	7th

	Runs	Wickets		Runs V	Vickets	
	for	for	Avge.	$\mathbf{Agst}_{.}$	Agst.	Avge.
M. & S. "A" Grade	3063	130	23.5	3223	$2\overline{1}\overline{1}$	15.2
M. & S. "B" Grade	3403	146	23.3	2853	163	17.5

AVERAGES.

"A" Grade.

B	ATTING:				
Name	Innings	N.O.	H.S.	Runs	Avge.
D. Prowse	14	2	78	537	44.7
N. Neville	12	2	73	390	39.0
R. Glasgow	11	2	120x	343	38.1
I. Cozens	10	3	80	175	25.0
C. Nee	15	2	60	301	23.1
L. Hokin	12	1	62	237	21.5
Λ. Land	8		46	131	16.4
J. Hollands	16	2	61	195	13.9
E. Annetts	12	2	34	136	13.6
	Not. Out.				

Also batted: N. Wales, 4 innings (1 not out) for 47 runs; J. Walker, 6 for 55; H. Brown, 6 for 52; R. Clark, 3 (1 not out) for 45; J. Carson, 6 (2 not outs) for 28; R. Thomson, 1 for 36; N. Neale, 2 for 105; G. Arthur, 1 for 15; B. McKittrick, 6 (3 not outs) for 55; W. Rudd, 1 for 8; C. Mitchell, 1 for 6; L. Meulman, 1 for 10; L. Davis, 3 for 24.

BOWLING:

Name	Overs	Mdns.	Runs	Wickets	Avge.
E. Annetts	133	19	59 0	44	13.4
I. Cozens	${\bf 152}$	13	546	34	16.0
R. Glasgow	165	14	674	3 8	17.7
J. Walker	94	17	317	16	19.8

Also bowled: J. Carson, 11 wickets for 302 runs; N. Neale, 14 for 170; J. Hollands, 8 for 197; R. Clark, 5 for 77; L. Hokin, 4 for 78; H. Brown, 1 for 7; R. Thomson, 1 for 31; G. Arthur, 2 for 11.

AVERAGES. "B" Grade.

BATTING:

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Name	Innings	N.O.	H.S.	Runs	Avge.
R. E. McLaughlin	11	_	168	450	40.9
L. Davis ,	10	3	89x	$\boldsymbol{217}$	31.0
W. Smith	9	1	89	230	28.7
L. Meulman	14	2	70	323	26.9
C. Mitchell	16	1	70	387	25 .8
G. J. Lee	14	2	63	299	24.9
R. Clark	7	_	56	159	22.7
H. Brown	${\bf 12}$	_	69	268	22.3
W. Rudd	14	2	41x	195	16.2
R. Thomson	8	2	36x	78	13.0
P. Murray	9	2	30	64	9.1
V. Buzacott	12	1	41x	75	6.8
v	Not Out				

Also batted: R. Glasgow, 2 innings for 99 runs; B. McKittrick, 2 (1 not out) for 31; A. Land, 2 for 45; D. Walker, 6 (2 not outs) for 45; V. Nee, 1 for 2; J. Carson, 1for0; R. Pogson, 1 (1 not out) for 3; N. Wales, 3 for 129; A. D. Friend, 2 (1 not out) for 42; D. H. Vanderfield, 6 (3 not outs) for 31; G. Arthur, 2 for 53; A. Rose, 4 (1 not out) for 19; J. Fraser, 1 for 1; L. Robinson, 2 for 5.

BOWLING:

\mathbf{Name}	Overs	$\mathbf{M}\mathbf{d}\mathbf{n}\mathbf{s}$.	Runs	Wickets	Avge.
P. Murray	137	10	521	39	13.3
W. Smith	-56	11	217	16	13.5
D. H. Vanderfield	66	3	362	22	16.4
R. Clark	84	10	279	14	19.9
R. Thomson	60	3	294	14	21.0

Also bowled: R. Glasgow, 6 wickets for 87 runs; V. Buzacott, 3 for 40; J. Carson, 5 for 78; D. Walker, 5 for 145; V. Nee, 2 for 59; R. Pogson, 1 for 38; C. Mitchell, 11 for 227; W. Rudd, 4 for 81; L. Meulman, 2 for 53; A. Rose, 4 for 98; G. Arthur, 1 for 42; H. Brown, 1 for 3.

3rd XI.

w.	W.1.	L.	L.1.	D.	\mathbf{T}_{\cdot}	Pts.	Pos.
_	2	3	8	1	_	16	8th
Wie	kets			Runs	Wi	ckets	
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AVERAGES.

BATTING:

Name	Innings	N.O.	H.S.	Runs	Avge.
A. Rose	17	4	56	255	19.61
L. Robinson	16	2	78	274	19.57
J. Atwill	9	1	31	151	19.0
J. O'Neill	12	1	51x	185	16.8
V. Nee	20	2	34	277	15.4
A_{\cdot} Thomson	14		55	215	15.3
R. Pogson	20	2	30	253	14.0
W. Marshall	14		48	195	13.93
R. Broderick	21	1	62	278	13.9
R. Watson	13	2	49	143	13.0
N. Dunbar	1 1	1	25	111	11.1
A. Arnold	18	2	26x	176	11.0

Also batted: N. Mitchell, 3 innings for 79 runs; W. Rudd, 6 (1 not out) for 119; M. McInnes, 2 (2 not outs) for 17; B. McKittrick, 1 for 0; J. Carson, 1 for 8; D. Vowles, 2 (1 not out) for 30; R. Thomson, 4 (2 not outs) for 46; J. Fraser, 4 (2 not outs) for 2; T. Hudson, 7 (4 not outs) for 32; R. Clark, 1 for 5; C. Noble, 4 (1 not out) for 23; G. Vanderfield, 1 for 2.

BOWLING:

Name	Overs	Mdns.	Runs	Wickets	Avge.
R. Broderick	122	9	691	37	187
A. Rose	145	6	831	37	22.4
V. Nee	118	2	716	30	23.8
R. Pogson	48		355	13	27.3

Also bowled: M. McInnes, 0 wickets for 42 runs; W. Marshall, 1 for 64; N. Marshall, 0 for 78; J. Carson, 1 for 26; W. Rudd, 4 for 61; D. Vowles, 5 for 93; N. Mitchell, 0 for 9; R. Thomson, 12 for 133; J. O'Neill, 2 for 75; A. Arnold, 1 for 132; N. Dunbar, 0 for 25; J. Atwill, 0 for 29; T. Hudson, 6 for 162; R. Clark, 1 for 12; C. Noble, 2 for 23; L. Robinson, 1 for 17; G. Vanderfield, 0 for 24.

FOOTBALL.

Owing to a large number of last year's players being unavailable through enlistments, the strength of our teams at the beginning of the season was quite an unknown quantity. Such men as B. Horton (full back), R. Binsted (five-eight), G. J. Lee (half back), and L. and N. Dunbar and H. Searl (forwards) left gaps that were hard to fill, but after one or two practice matches it was evident that we had material out of which quite fair teams could be moulded for the 1st Grade (Kentwell Cup) and 3rd Grade (Whiddon Cup) competitions controlled by the Sub-District Rugby Union.

Attendances at training—good to start with—decreased as the season went on. This condition did not make for team work and made coaching difficult, but it could not be helped and we were most fortunate to see the season through.

1st XV.—It is pleasing indeed to be able to report that this team were successful in winning the Kentwell Cup—the first time the Club has done so.

It was a splendid performance, made possible by every man who played in the team. There was no brilliant individuals, but the determination was there, and the best football was usually played when the team was up against it.

The backs were good individually, but possibly would have combined better had they received a greater share of the ball from scrums and rucks.

The forwards were splendid, and ready for the occasion. They packed tight and were always dangerous when taking the ball through.

The defence of the team, both back and forward was first class all through, the cover defence being particularly efficient.

The task of coaching the team fell to Mr. Geoff Whiddon, and we should like to thank him for the interest he has shown and the good job he has done.

Hereunder is a resume of the various members of the team:-

Full Back—Don Vanderfield. Although played out of position, proved to be one of the team's mainstays. Excellent in defence and sound handler. Good place kick but weak line kick.

Wing-Threequarters: D. Vanderfield. Played very few matches owing to Air Force Duties, but his experience proved to be of great assistance to the team; has determination to score and very safe defence.

K. Bussell. Played consistently although lacked that determination required of a winger: reasonably sound in defence.

Centre-Threequarters—C. G. McMaster. Played well in his position. A very determined runner and excellent defender, but unfortunately missed some games through injury.

- R. Farnsworth—Vice-Captain. One of the best defenders in the team, a hard-runner in attack with a useful fend. Is kicking with better judgment now.
 - S. Dunton. Although played out of position performed creditably.
- W. Theyer. Very penetrative; reliable in defence although lacking a little in experience.

Five-eight—J. Carson. Showed improved form as compared with last season. He penetrated effectively at times and kicked to advantage. Defence safer.

Half—Peter Friend. Probably the most reliable defender in the team and showed a distinct improvement on previous seasons displays, although still a little slow passing the ball from the base of the scrum.

Front-row—D. Hilder. Played regularly prior to enlistment and his form was equal to the best of previous seasons, although his goal kicking was hardly equal to that of earlier performances.

J. Thomson. An honest forward in every regard and played a big part in the team's success.

M. Hill. Has taken the field in more games than any other member of the Club and apparently has not lost any of his prowess. Had bad luck to meet with injury half way through the season.

- L. Knight. One of the most virile forwards in the pack, always in condition although a little loose for a front row forward.
- P. Barnes. A reliable player prepared to play in any position in the scrum. Good open forward but inclined to be a little too loose. Joined R.A.A.F. during season.

Second-row—D. Walker. An asset in line-outs but inclined to be slow in general play, which could be attributed to his inability to train regularly.

- H. Anderson. A Soccer player taking part in his initial season in Rugby, he showed distinct promise as a forward prior to enlistment in the A.I.F.
- Lock—P. Glanville. Undoubtedly an inspiration to our pack, a sound player in every regard and an example as a forward to all members of the Club

Breakaways—Paddy Friend. Although one of the lightest members of the team he again proved a deadly tackler and at the same time always harrassed the opposition when they were in possession of the ball; also a very useful forward in attack, especially with the ball at toe.

- M. Gillies—Captain. An inspiring leader and worthy of much praise in connection with the team's success. His displays at breakaway were very fine both in attack and defence.
- W. Fraser. Only played a few matches at the commencement of the season and did not reach his true form, as displayed in previous seasons.
- **E. Bradley.** A much improved player during the season and always willing to play where required, either in the forwards or backs.
- J. Walker. Rather slow and lacks the determination of a winger. Appears to be better placed in the forwards. Has the necessary qualifications.
- N. Barrell. A good honest forward. At his best in the "tight". Fully justified his promotion from the Seconds.

Record of teams:-

		Matches					Po	oints	Comp.	
		Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	\mathbf{Byes}	For	Against	Pts.	Pos.
1st	XV.	13	11	1	1	2	186	81	27	1
2nd	XV	13	5	8			79	165	10	5

2nd XV.—The seconds were used as a recruiting ground for the senior team more than usual this season, but nevertheless performed creditably. Matches won were few, but those lost by one or two points were many. The football played was good, but lacked consistency. In the second round, with a weaker team, the players pulled themselves together and played well.

Of the backs, Jack Morrow at half back defended well, as did Neville Austin, whose grass cutting tackles were most effective. George Wright was the most robust attacking player and usually made ground when he had the ball.

In the forwards, Peter Gee staged a useful come-back and was best supported by Rex Wallis, despite this player's lack of condition.

We congratulate Harlequin Football Club on going through the 3rd Grade (Whiddon Cup) competition with an undefeated record.

Congratulations also to Lin Dunbar, who was chosen to play in the A.I.F. team in Palestine against the French Army team. We understand R. Binsted and H. Searl played in the trial games but did not make the grade

Last November, our footballers tackled Colleagues Club at Cricket. This game was played at North Brighton and ended in a draw.

The day was so enjoyed that a repetition is likely to be staged this Summer if conditions are favourable.

THE GORDON BEVAN SHIELD.

This shield, presented by the family of our late member as a perpetual football trophy and carrying with it a yearly memento, records the winner of a competition conducted with the following conditions.

1.	Attendance at Training		20	points
2.	Value to his Team		20	,,
3.	Most Improved Player		20	,,
4.	General Keenness as a Footballer		1 5	,,
5.	Value to his Club as a Member		1 5	,,
6.	Neatness of Uniform		10	.,
		1	00	points

The trophy, last season, was presented to D. Hilder.

"Mick" has been a member of the 1st XV since 1934 and has played a large part, with his accurate goal kicking, in the team's successes. He is one of the keenest of footballers, plays anywhere, is most regular at training and assists on the Football sub-committee.

Moreover, he is a good Club man, taking part in all its activities and being a consistent visitor to our Rooms.

The award was well deserved.

GOLF.

(Sub Committee: M. Mitchell, C. Mitchell and G. A. Lee).

Two outings were held during the year.

The Club Championship took place at Leura and was won by N. Fisher, with C. Bayley second.

For the first time, the Katoomba Links were used in a Club competition. The Four Bail Championship was decided there, and was won by L. Keeler and C. Mitchell—the "hat trick" for this pair. Apparently the Mountain air suits their game.

Handicap events resulted:-

At Leura-4/11/39 (26 competitors).

Par Handicap: S. Osborn 1st; R. Clark, C. Bayley, W. Smith (tie) 2nd, 4 Ball Best Bail v. Par: (Optional 1st or 2nd Nine Holes): R. McLaughlin and W. Smith 1st; R. Clark and G. J. Lee 2nd

At Katoomba—14/4/40 (28 competitors).

- 4 Ball Best Ball v. Par: A. Higgs and N. Wales, 1st; R. McLaughlin and R. Storey 2nd.
- 4 Ball, Aggregate Stapleford: D. H. Vanderfield and G. Vanderfield 1st; N. Fisher and R. Wicks 2nd

A trophy in the form of a traveller's clock was donated by Harbottle Brown & Coy. recently, and we are sorry that this will not be competed for in the near future owing to the suspension of our golf trips. The trophy has been returned to the donors for safe-keeping until times are more propitious.

TENNIS.

(Sub-Committee: R. J. Thomson, R. Storey and V. Nee, vice R. McLaughlin, resigned).

Tennis appeared to suffer more than the Club's other activities as a result of enlistments. Practically all active service members were formerly regular attendants at the tournaments.

However, four very enjoyable afternoons were arranged at the Strath-field Recreation Club's grounds and, on one occasion, the attendace nearly reached pre-war standards.

These events (doubles handicap) resulted as follows:—

22/10/39—"A" Division—C. Nee and A. Land.
"B" Division—W. Marshall and N. Dunbar.

17/3/40—"A" Division—I Cozens and H. Brown.
"B" Division—R. Farnsworth and W. Theyer.

19/5/40—"A" Division—H. Brown and N. Neville)
R. Farnsworth and W. Theyer)
"B" Division—J. O'Neill and W. Rudd.

"C" Division—D. Hilder and A. W. Hulls. 23/6/40—"A" Division—L. Knight and D. Rossell. "B" Division—R. Clark and T. Hudson.

DANCES.

(Sub-Committee: N. Austin)

Since our last meeting three dances have been held by the Club, the first being at the State Assembly last September which both financially and socially was most successful.

The New Year's Eve Dance was again held at "Allambie House," National Park and although the attendance was slightly smaller than the previous year the function proved all that was desired. The decrease in numbers was due probably to the fact that the dance did not commence until midnight.

Owing to the difficulty in procuring a larger Ballroom the Lawn Tennis Association's Rooms were again chosen for our Annual Dance, the nett proceeds of which were donated to the Club's War Comforts Fund. This dance was a grand success and the attendance of 220 was the largest for some years. As this function was not held until July it will, therefore, not be included in the financial year.

It is very encouraging to see so many of the new members attending the dances, but Committee would be pleased to see a larger number of older members at future functions.

ENTERTAINMENTS.

(Sub-Committee R. Watson)

Christmas Smoko.

The Club's night of the year, the Christmas Smoko, again attracted a large gathering of the members and, very pleasing to recall, a good percentage of the old-timers. There is no doubt that the success of these functions is mainly due to the entertainment arranged by Mr. R. Porter to whom we are most grateful.

In view of their early contemplated departure the opportunity was taken to farewell the first contingent of the Club's members who had joined the A.I.F. and the R.A.A.F.

A leather wallet engraved with the member's initials was presented to each.

Annual Meeting.

Last year's annual meeting was the biggest function of its kind yet held, more than 120 members being present, including a large number of the older members, to celebrate the Club's 21st birthday.

During the evening a presentation was made to R. Clark of an engraved and mounted electric clock bearing miniature symbols of the various sports played by the Club, together with a traymobile and six cut glass tumblers.

Caps were presented to members of the 1938/1939 2nd. XI., winners of the "B" Grade Shire Competition.

Golf cups were also handed to L. Keeler and C. Mitchell — Four Ball Champions, and to L. Keeler, the Singles Champion of the Club.

Finally, the Gordon Bevan Shield was awarded to the winner of the 1939 season — D. Hilder.

CLUB ROOMS.

Attendances at the Rooms were quite satisfactory early in the year but have fallen away considerably during the past few months.

New members are using the Rooms very little, so far, and we look forward to an improvement here as they settle down.

We stress once more the value of the Club Rooms in providing an opportunity off the playing fields for members to make friendships and thus strengthen their ties to the Club.

Stewards. From time to time, we have been without regular Stewards, and their work has been carried out by various Committee Members.

This year, appointment of the younger members should overcome the difficulty experienced through military call-ups.

Cigarettes. Sales have been hard hit through the loss of members who had made a practice of buying all their requirements at the Club and Committee is now endeavouring to get the newer members to cultivate this habit.

BILLIARDS.

(Sub-Committee: I Cozens and N. Austin)

Two Billiard competitions were held during the current year and both attracted good entries.

The Xmas Handicap was very popular, forty-eight entrants participating. Back marker E. Siddeley was the winner of the Ham (kindly donated by Mr. Alan Crago), with N. Marshall a close second

B. McKittrick was the winner of the Easter Handicap beating newcomer J. O'Neill in the final.

A very enjoyable evening was held in May, when a fifty-up Knockout Competition was played, J. O'Neill being the winner.

Owing to so many of our members enlisting for Active Service it was decided to defer the A. J. S. Austin Trophy Competition, for an indefinite period. This was to be run on the American System, and it is hoped that Committee will be able to organise the Competition with a fewer number of players in the near future.

Recently the tables have proved more popular and we look forward to a continuance of this interest, with a consequent improvement in revenue from this source.

TABLE TENNIS.

(Sub-Committee: R. J. Thomson and V. Nee).

Table Tennis continued to develop its attraction as a Clubroom pastime during the year. With the advent of new members possessing no mean ability at the game an appreciable improvement in standard was noticed. Interest was such as to encourage the promotion of five events as compared with last year's three,

The various tournaments, all of which were run on a doubles handicap basis, resulted as follows:—

31/10/39—W. Marshall and S. Osborn.

28/11/39-W. Hulls and R. Watson.

13/3/40—G. Vanderfield and N. Austin

Doug Vanderfield and Don Vanderfield) tie

30/4/40—S. Osborn and J. Hollands.

11/6/40—N. Neville and W. Theyer.

HONOUR ROLL.

The following members have enlisted for active service:-

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Gnr. H. ANDERSON, 7A Section H.Q. Corp Ammunition, Greta.
 Pte. E. BEVAN, 2/20th Battalion, Ingleburn,
 Cpl. R. BINSTED, "D" Section, 6th Aust. Div. Signals, Abroad.
Lieut. F. C. BROWNHILL, 2/4th Battalion, A.I.F., Abroad, L.A/C. J. BRERETON, No. 1 Training School, R.A.A.F., Point Cook. L/Bdr. R. BUZACOTT, 1st Battery, 1st Anti Aircraft Reg., Ingleburn.
Gnr. J. BUZACOTT, 1st Battery, 1st Anti Aircraft Reg., Ingleburn.
 Gnr. H. H. BROWN, R.H.Q. Battery, 1st Anti Aircraft Reg., Ingleburn.
A/C 1 A. P. BARNES, No. 2 Aircraft Camp, R.A.A.F., Laverton.
Sig. S. COLDHAM, "D" Section, 6th Aust. Div. Signals, Abroad.
F/O. C. N. DALY, No. 1 Training School, R.A.A.F., Point Cook.
Lieut. J. DINNING, 2/17th Battalion, 7th Div. A.I.F., Bathurst.
Sig. L. DUNBAR, "J" Section, 6th Aust. Div. Signals, Abroad. Sig. N. DUNBAR, "D" Section, 6th Aust. Div. Signals, Abroad. Gnr. B. FRASER, 1st Battery, 1st Anti Aircraft Reg., Ingleburn, Sgt. D. FRASER, 1st Battery, 1st Anti Aircraft Reg., Ingleburn.
Gnr. A. D. FRIEND, 6th R.R. Battalion, Parramatta.
Gnr. P. O. FRIEND, 6th R.R. Battalion, Parramatta,
Gnr. R. GEE, 3rd Battery, 1st Anti Aircraft Reg., Ingleburn.
Gnr. D. HILDER, 3rd Battery, 1st Anti Aircraft Reg., Ingleburn,
Gnr. A. W. HULLS, 3rd Battery, 1st Anti Aircraft Reg., Ingleburn.
Gnr. R. HILLIS, R.A.A. Barracks, East Point Darwin .
Lieut A. HERRON, Recruit Training Depot, Infantry Wing, A.I.F., Greta.
L/Bdr. B. HORTON, 2/5th Field Artillery, Ingleburn.
Gnr. R. LAMB, 1st Battery, 1st Anti Aircraft Reg., Ingleburn.
Gnr. G. J. LEE, 1st Battery, 1st Anti Aircraft Reg., Ingleburn.
Sgt. K. MAXWELL, 2/1st Field Regiment, A.I.F., Abroad,
A/C 1 N. MARSHALL, No. 3 School of Tech, Training, R.A.A.F., Ultimo
Gnr. W. MARSHALL, Royal Australian Garrison Artillery, North Head.
Dvr. J. MUNRO, 1st Aust. Corp Troop, Ammunition Co., Bathurst.
Dvr. W. MACKAY, No. 1 Eschelon, H.Q. Supply Col., A.A.S.C., Ingleburn
Sgt. R. E. McLAUGHLIN, 1st Battery, 1st Anti Aircraft Reg., Ingleburn.
Gnr. V. NEE, 3rd Battery, 1st Anti Aircraft Reg., Ingleburn.
('pl. P. POLLOCK, 2/17th Battalion 7th Div. A.I.F., Bathurst. Dvr. D. H. PAGE, Recruit Reception Depot, A.A.S.C., Showground.
Gnr. G. ROSS, 2/1st Medium Artillery Brigade, Ingleburn.
Sig. H. SEARL, "J" Section, 6th Aust. Div. Signals, Abroad.
Gnr. W. SMITH 1st Battery, 1st Anti Aircraft Reg., Ingleburn.
L.A/C. N. SHARPE, No. 1 Training School, R.A.A.F., Point Cook.
Gnr. R. STOREY, 2nd Battery, 1st Anti Aircraft Reg., Ingleburn,
Bmdr. R. THOMSON, 4th Battery, 1st R.A.R.R., Showground. L.A/C. P. TAINTON, No. 5 Training School, R.A.A.F., Narromine.
L.A/C. D. VANDERFIELD, Training School, R.A.A.F., Wagga.
Lieut. L. VINCENT, 2/1st. Aust. Machine Gun Battalion, Abroad.
Bdr. R. WICKS, "J" Troop, 3rd Battery, 1st R.A.R.R., Showground.
Sig. R. WATSON, "D" Section, 6th Aust, Div. Signals, Abroad.
Lieut. R. WATTS, 2/6th Royal Aust. Engineers, Bathurst.
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In addition to the above, the following are awaiting a call up for the R.A.A.F.:—

A. N. Austin, P. T. Glanville, L. Keeler, G. A. Lee, J. D. May, L. Nossiter, W. H. Sams, J. Thomson, H. S. Windon.

LIBRARY

(Librarian: M. Mitchell).

While the Library was popular with a number of regular readers, it is felt, that the facilities made available are not sufficiently appreciated by the members generally. There are some excellent volumes on the shelves which the new members will find most entertaining. That the requirements of the older members have not been overlooked is reflected in the addition of fifty new volumes during the year

To relieve the overtaxed shelving space a further donation of eighty of the Club's old books was made to a Police Boys' Club, whilst the Surry Hills Boys' Brigade and the Masonic Homes were presented with fifty and seventy volumes respectively.

WAR COMFORTS FUND.

A Committee of lady enthusiasts has been formed for the purpose of providing comforts for members of the Club serving in the forces. The main office bearers are Mrs. Max Connery, President; Miss Betty Nash, Secretary; Miss Gwen Heine, Assistant Secretary; and Mrs. Audley Land, Treasurer.

The Fund already shows a substantial credit balance, and a keen band

of workers is busy knitting socks, etc.

Arrangements are well in hand for the supplying of Christmas hampers for members overseas.

More knitted goods are required and members are requested to ask their parents and friends to assist in this direction

FINANCES.

The year's activities show a surplus of £24/0/2, compared with £40/16/9 for the previous twelve months.

Profit from dances is down by £25/17/3, but only two functions were held, as against three last year.

Outstanding subscriptions at £49/15/9 are higher by more than £10, despite an increase in the reserve for doubtful debts

This is a most unsatisfactory feature of the Club's accounts. Club Rooms revenue is higher, although cigarette sales have fallen.

Books to the value of £11/11/3 were purchased for the Library.

Furniture and fittings have been depreciated by £18/10/10, and the

surplus of Assets over Liabilities now stands at £408/6/5.

Mr. David Rossell has again carried out the audit of our books, and we are most grateful to him for his assistance and interest.

COMMITTEE.

Your Committee has met on 13 occasions during the period under review, and the following attendances were recorded:-

A. Arnold (Apptd. 11/39)	9	M. Mitchell 1	1
N. Austin (Apptd. 11/39)	9	R. McLaughlin (Resgd. 5/40)	5
R. Clark	12	B. McKittrick (Apptd. 7/40)	_
I. Cozens ‡	7	V. Nee (Apptd, 5/40, Resgd, 6/40)	1
D. Fraser (Resgd. 11/39)	1	H. Searl (Resgd. 11/39)	$\bar{2}$
M. Gillies (Apptd. 7/40)	1	R. Thomson (Resgd. 8/40) 1	ō
G. J. Lee (Resgd. 5/40)	6	R. Watson (Resgd 3/40)	5

t Leave while in camp.

As can be seen from the above list, Committee has been working under difficulties, but has endeavoured to keep things moving along as smoothly as possible.

Activities of some of the sub-committees have been restricted tempor-

arily, with a minimum of inconvenience.

CONGRATULATIONS.

We congratulate the following members who have announced their engagements:—

Bob Beale to Miss Betty Hill.

Malcolm Blair to Miss Thalia Windon.

Les Davis to Miss May Drury.

Norman Fisher to Miss Nancy Summons.

Lindsay Dunbar to Miss Marie Anderson.

Dick Gee to Miss Ena Jephson.

Jack Holmes to Miss Phyllis Ashley.

Ian Cozens to Miss Joyce Gray.

Rex Jackett to Miss Hazel Wright.

Jack Hollands to Miss Millicent Hudson.

John Saunders to Miss Daphne Mackay.

Bert Thomson to Miss Nina Sentance.

Ron. Watson to Miss Dorothy Bedwell.

The undermentioned marriages are recorded with pleasure:-

Frank Freeman to Miss Madeline Walker.

Ken. Burnett to Miss Betty Jones.

Bob May to Miss Meb. Clarke.

Laurie Hokin to Miss Rita Prentice.

Sid Godfrey to Miss Grace Galpin.

There has been a slackening off in new arrivals, and only Don Walker and Verney Buzacott figure in the list this time. We congratulate them both—each on the birth of a son.

OBITUARY.

Aud Land, Don and John Walker and George Arthur have suffered bereavements during the year. Our sympathy is extended to the members concerned and to their families.

APPRECIATION.

Your Committee records its thanks to the following:-

Mr. R. R. Turner and Bjelke-Petersen Bros. Pty. Ltd. for the generous treatment accorded members.

Dr. R. W. Walsh for his kind attention to members.

Messrs. R. W. May, E. J. Siddeley, N. A. Austin, J. Cleary and L. Hokin for welcome gifts of periodicals.

Mr. A. J. S. Austin and Harbottle Brown Ltd. for donations of trophies

for competition.

Those members who kindly place their cars at the disposal of the Club for the conveyance of members to the various sports.

For and on behalf of the Committee,

E. J. SIDDELEY, President.

R. B. CLARK, Hon. Secretary.

ADDENDUM.

I wish to place on record my appreciation of the work performed throughout the year by R. B. Clark (Hon. Sec.), G. J. Lee (Hon. Treas.), A. Arnold (Hon. Asst. Treas.), I. Cozens (Senior Steward), D Rossell (Hon. Auditor), M. Mitchell and R. J. Thomson, also members of the General Committee, the Sub-Committees and Stewards.

E. J. SIDDELEY.

THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB

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CLUB ROOM		for the year ended 30th JUNE, 1940.		0 -	À
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GORDON J. LEE, Hon. Treasurer. A. ARNOLD, Hon. Asst. Treasurer.

l hereby certify that I have examined the books of account and vouchers of THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB for the year ended 30th June, 1940, and that in my opinion the above Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the Club's affairs as at that date, according to the best of my knowledge and the explanations given me and as shown by the books of the Club.

D. ROSSELL, Chartered Accountant (Aust.) Hon. Auditor.